

# **Federal Government Grants**

## **United States Department of Agriculture**

### **1. Community Facilities Loans and Grants**

Community Programs provide loans and grants and loan guarantees for water and environmental projects, as well as community facilities projects. Water and environmental projects include water systems, waste systems, solid waste, and storm drainage facilities. Community facilities projects develop essential community facilities for public use in rural areas and may include hospitals, fire protection, **safety**, as well as many other community-based initiatives.

For Additional Information: [http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/HCF\\_CF.html](http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/HCF_CF.html)

## **Environment Protection Agency**

### **1. Grants and Fellowship Information**

EPA provides support for community-based projects, programs and activities that seek to address local environmental, justice and public health issues and enhance environmental justice and community-based environmental protection.

For Additional Information: <http://www.epa.gov/epahome/grants.htm>

## **Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)**

### **1. Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ)**

(Administrator by KYTC - Office of Local Programs)

Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) is a transportation improvement program focused on reducing emissions in designated areas of the United States. Federal funding is available to government agencies for projects that will contribute greatly to air quality improvements and decreases in traffic congestion.

**Who Can Apply:** Federal CMAQ funds must be spent in non-attainment or maintenance areas as determined by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The following counties in Kentucky are eligible for CMAQ funding: Boone, Boyd, Bullitt, Campbell, Christian, Daviess, Edmonson, Fayette, Jefferson, Kenton, Marshall, Oldham, and Scott. Portions of Greenup, Hancock, Lawrence, and Livingston counties

**Application Deadline:** February to March

For more information: <http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/environment/cmaqpgs/>

KYTC Office of Local Programs: [http://tea21.ky.gov/air\\_quality\\_files/cmaqhome.htm](http://tea21.ky.gov/air_quality_files/cmaqhome.htm)

## **2. Federal Lands Highway Program**

The [Federal Lands Highway Program](#) (FLHP) provides funding for a coordinated program of public roads and transit facilities serving Federal and Indian lands. Provision for pedestrians and bicycles are eligible activities in conjunction with projects on each of the classes of Federal Lands Highways: Forest Highways, Indian Reservation Roads, Park Roads and Parkways, Refuge Roads, and Public Lands Highways.

**Matching Funds:** The Federal Share is 100 percent.

**For Additional Information:** <http://flh.fhwa.dot.gov/index.htm>

## **3. National Scenic Byways Program**

(Administrator by KYTC - Office of Local Programs)

The [National Scenic Byways Program](#) recognizes roads having outstanding scenic, historic, cultural, natural, recreational and archaeological qualities by designating them as National Scenic Byways or All-American Roads.

Eligibility- Funds may be spent on a variety of activities including "construction along a scenic byway of a facility for pedestrians and bicyclists, rest area, turnout, highway shoulder improvement passing lane, overlook, or interpretive facility." Projects must be either associated with a National Scenic Byway, All-American Road, or a State Scenic Byway.

**Matching fund:** The Federal share is 80 percent, local 20 percent.

**For Additional information:** <http://www.bywaysonline.org/>

**KYTC Office of Local Programs:**

[http://www.tea21.ky.gov/scenic/Scenic Byways Home.htm](http://www.tea21.ky.gov/scenic/Scenic_Byways_Home.htm)

## **4. Recreational Trails Program (RTP)**

(Administrator by Kentucky Office of the Governor – Department for Local Government)

The Recreational Trails Program (RTP) is funded by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). It can be used to provide assistance for acquisition of easements, development and/or maintenance of recreational trails and trailhead facilities for both motorized and non-motorized use. The Recreational Trails Program benefits communities and enhances quality of life.

**Who Can Apply:** Eligible applicants are city and county governments, state and federal agencies. Non-profit organizations must partner with a governmental entity.

**Amount:** The minimum grant request is \$5,000.00; the maximum grant request is \$100,000.00.

**Matching fund:** This is a matching reimbursement grant program.

**Application Deadline:**

**For Additional information:** <http://www.dlg.ky.gov/grants/federal/rtp.htm>

## **5. Safe Routes to Schools**

(Administrator by KYTC - Office of Local Programs)

The Safe Routes to School Program (SRTS) is designed to enable and encourage children, including those with disabilities, to walk and bicycle to school; to make bicycling and walking to school a safer and more appealing transportation alternative; and to facilitate the planning, development, and implementation of projects and activities that will improve safety and reduce traffic, fuel consumption and air pollution in the vicinity of schools.

**Who Can Apply:** Elementary and Middle Schools

**Amount:** Maximum \$250,000

**Application Deadline:** January through February

**For Additional Information:** <http://saferoutes.ky.gov/>

## **6. Transportation Enhancement Program (TE)**

(Administrator by KYTC Office of Local Programs)

Transportation Enhancements (TE) are transportation-related activities that are designed to strengthen the cultural, aesthetic, historic, and environmental aspects of our transportation infrastructure. Federal funding is available to government agencies to provide support for transportation and community improvement projects.

At a minimum, all projects must have a relationship to the surface transportation system and fall under one of the following twelve eligible categories to be considered for TE funding: Pedestrian & bicycle facilities; Pedestrian & bicyclist safety and education; Acquisition of scenic or historic easements & sites, including battlefields; Scenic or historic highway programs; Landscaping and scenic beautification; Historic preservation; Historic transportation buildings; Rail corridor preservation; Inventory, control, and removal of outdoor advertising; Archaeological planning and research; Environmental mitigation; Transportation museums

The Transportation Cabinet stresses that it is essential that a project have a clearly identified relationship to surface transportation. State and local public government agencies are eligible to apply for the reimbursement program. The award requires a 20 percent match.

**Who Can Apply:** State and Local Government agencies. Non-profit organizations are to be in partnership with a government sponsor.

**Matching fund:** The Federal share is 80 percent, local 20 percent.

**Application Deadline:**

**For Additional information:** Federal <http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/environment/te/>

Kentucky: <http://www.tea21.ky.gov/te/tehome.htm>

## **Federal Transit Administration**

### **1. Urbanized Area Formula Grant (Transit)**

The Urbanized Area Formula Grants program provides transit capital and operating assistance to urbanized areas with populations of more than 50,000. Capital projects are defined as including "pedestrian and bicycle access to a mass transportation facility."

**Who Can Apply:** Funding is made available to designated recipients that must be public bodies with the legal authority to receive and dispense Federal funds.

**Amount:**

**Matching fund:** The Federal share is not to exceed 80 percent of the net cost. The Federal share may be 90 percent for projects or portions of projects related to bicycles.

**Application Deadline:**

**For Additional Information:**  
[http://www.fta.dot.gov/funding/grants/grants\\_financing\\_3561.html](http://www.fta.dot.gov/funding/grants/grants_financing_3561.html)

### **2. Formula Program for Other than Urbanized Areas**

The Formula Program for Other than Urbanized Areas provides transit capital and operating assistance to urbanized areas with populations of less than 50,000. Capital projects are defined as including "pedestrian and bicycle access to a mass transportation facility."

**Who Can Apply:** State or Indian tribe that receives a Federal transit program grant directly from the Federal Government. A sub recipient of the program includes a State or local governmental

authority, a nonprofit organization, or an operator of public transportation or intercity bus service that receives federal transit program grant funds indirectly through a recipient.

**Amount:**

**Matching Funds:** Federal share is typically 80 percent. However, bicycle projects may be funded at up to a 90 percent Federal share.

**For Additional Information:**

[http://www.fta.dot.gov/funding/grants/grants\\_financing\\_3555.html](http://www.fta.dot.gov/funding/grants/grants_financing_3555.html)

## **HUD**

**1. Kentucky Small Cities Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)**  
(Administrator by Kentucky Office of the Governor – Department for Local Government)

The Department for Local Government (DLG) administers approximately \$29 million annually from the U.S. Housing and Urban Development's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program. Funds are designated for the following program areas:

- [Housing](#)
- [Community Projects - Housing and Communities](#)
- [Public Facilities](#)
- [Economic Development](#)
- [Community Emergency Relief Fund](#)
- Public Services

**Who Can Apply:** All cities and counties are eligible to apply for the funds with the exception of Ashland, Bowling Green, Covington, Elizabethtown, Henderson, Hopkinsville, Lexington-Fayette County, Louisville/Jefferson County Metro Government, and Owensboro. These entitlement communities receive CDBG funds directly from HUD.

**Amount:** Minimum is \$5,000; the maximum grant request is \$100,000. This is a matching reimbursement grant program.

**Application Deadline:** February

**For more Information:** <http://www.dlg.ky.gov/grants/federal/cdbg.htm>

## **National Parks Service**

### **1. Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF)**

(Administrator by Kentucky Office of the Governor – Department for Local Government)

The LWCF provides federal grant funds to protect important natural areas, acquire land for outdoor recreation and to develop or renovate public outdoor recreation facilities such as campgrounds, picnic areas, sports & playfields, swimming facilities, boating facilities, fishing facilities, trails, natural areas and passive parks.

**Who Can Apply:** Cities, counties, state and federal agencies are eligible to apply for funding.

**Amount:** The minimum amount is \$5,000. The maximum grant amount is \$75,000. It is a matching reimbursement program.

**Application Deadline:** March

**For Additional Information:** <http://www.dlg.ky.gov/grants/federal/lwcf.htm>

## **Kentucky Grants**

### ***Office of the Governor - Department of Local Government***

#### **1. Renaissance on Main**

Renaissance on Main grants supports revitalization efforts in Kentucky cities with a goal of safe, vibrant and economically sound downtowns. Eligible activities include:

- Real Estate Acquisition
- Facility Renovation
- Streetscape Enhancements
- Signage
- Façade/Awning Program
- Market Analysis
- Planning

**Who Can Apply:** Certified - as well as candidate Main Street cities are eligible to apply for these competitive grants

**Amount:** Maximum awards are \$20,000.

**Application Deadline:** See website

For Additional Information: <http://dlg.ky.gov/grants/stategrants/RenonMain.htm>

## **Kentucky Tourism**

### **1. Kentucky Tourism Development Act**

The incentive for developers of approved new or expansion tourism projects the ability to recover up to 25% of the project's development costs over a ten year term. Projects including, but not limited to lodging facilities, that are constructed on state park, federal park and national forest lands are eligible to recover up to fifty percent (50%) of development costs over a twenty year term. An expanding attraction receives the incentive on increased sales tax due to the expansion.

**Who Can Apply:** Assist small tourism attractions obtain financing necessary for the development or expansion of small tourism attractions. Cultural or historical sites , Recreation or entertainment facilities, Areas of scenic beauty or distinctive natural phenomena, Entertainment destination centers, Kentucky crafts and products centers, Theme Restaurant Destinations, Lodging, only which will qualify when meeting certain criteria.

**Amount:** Maximum \$250,000 or 50 percent of projects costs whichever is less.

**Application Deadline:** Applications are accepted any time during the year.

For Additional Information: <http://www.kyagr.com/marketing/agritourism/Tourism.htm>

## **Kentucky Transportation Cabinet**

### **1. Paula Nye Memorial Educational Grant**

A Kentucky Bicycle and Bikeway Commission (KBBC) Grant Program to inform and educate the citizens of Kentucky and promote the general public awareness within the Commonwealth to matters pertaining to bicycle and pedestrian safety through the development of curriculum, training aids, and/or educational programs or projects directly related to bicycle safety. Promote the general public awareness within the Commonwealth to the health, recreational, economic, social, cultural and other benefits arising from bicycling and walking.

**Who Can Apply:** Kentucky based 501-C3 non-profit organizations, Kentucky state and local government agencies and individuals who form a public/private partnership with Kentucky 501-C3 non-profit organizations, Kentucky state and local government agencies.

**Amount:** Variable

**Application Deadline:** October 1

**For Additional Information:** <http://www.bikewalk.ky.gov/>

## **Private Funding**

### **1. Bike Belongs**

The Bikes Belong Grant Program strives to put more people on bicycles more often by funding important and influential projects that leverage federal funding and build momentum for bicycling in communities across the U.S. These projects include bike paths and rail trails, as well as mountain bike trails, bike parks, BMX facilities, and large-scale bicycle advocacy initiatives.

**Who Can Apply:** Organizations and agencies that are committed to putting more people on bicycles more often.

**Amount:** Maximum of \$10,000

**Application Deadline:** Quarterly

**For Additional Information:** <http://www.bikesbelong.org/grants>

### **2. Kodak American Greenways Program**

**Eastman Kodak Company**, The Conservation Fund and the **National Geographic Society** team up each year to present the Kodak American Greenways Awards Program. One major element of the Program involves “seed” grant awards to organizations that are growing our nation's network of greenways, blueways, trails and natural areas.

The Program operated by The Conservation Fund invites land trusts, local governments, and other organizations to submit proposals for small greenway project grants. Funded projects typically advance one or more of the following Program goals:

- Catalyzing new greenway projects
- assisting grassroots greenway organizations
- Leveraging additional money for conservation and greenway development
- Promoting use and enjoyment of greenways

**Who Can Apply:** Land Trusts, local governments, watershed organizations and other organizations

**Amount:**

**Application Deadline:** June



For Additional Information: <http://www.conservationfund.org/node/245>

### 3. **Tourism Cares**

A vital part of the Tourism Cares mission is to distribute grants to worthy nonprofit, tax exempt, organizations for conservation, preservation, restoration, or education at tourism-related sites of exceptional cultural, historic, or natural significance around the world. Primary consideration is to grant funding to projects that are either: brick-and-mortar capital improvements that serve to conserve, preserve, or restore tourism-related sites of exceptional cultural, historic, or natural significance or programs that educate local host communities and the traveling public about the conservation, preservation, or restoration of tourism-related sites of exceptional cultural, historical, or natural significance.

**Who Can Apply:** Worldwide grants to worthy nonprofit, tax exempt, organizations

**Amount:**

**Application Deadline:** TBA

For Additional Information: [www.tourismcares.org](http://www.tourismcares.org)

### 4. **Yamaha OHV Access Initiative**

The Yamaha OHV Access Initiative is a proactive, grassroots program supported by Yamaha dealers and customer's nationwide promoting safe, responsible riding and sustainable, open riding areas.

**Who Can Apply:** organizations such as non-profit or tax exempt OHV riding clubs, national forests and associations and national, state, local government agencies and associations.

**Amount:** \$7,500 to \$10,000

**Application Deadline:** Quarterly

For Additional Information: [http://www.yamaha-motor.com/outdoor/OHV\\_Grants\\_Home.aspx](http://www.yamaha-motor.com/outdoor/OHV_Grants_Home.aspx)

### 5. **4-H ATV Safety Grant Program**

The 4-H ATV safety program provides grants to 4-H Extension groups and their community partners to create or enhance local or state ATV safety projects. Such projects should provide

opportunities for young people and adults to take action on the issue of ATV safety, ultimately influencing the behavior of people throughout a community.

**Who Can Apply:** 4-H/Extension Programs in the United States

**Amount:** Six community-based grants of \$2,000 each will be awarded.

**Application Deadline:** January or February

**For Additional Information:** <http://www.atv-youth.org/about.aspx>

### **\*\*\*\*Disclaimer\*\*\*\***

**KYTC Division of Planning website [bikewalk.ky.gov](http://bikewalk.ky.gov), includes links to information on other websites. We provide these links solely to help users find additional information that may be useful. Substantial effort has been made to provide accurate and complete information on this Website. However, we cannot guarantee that there will be no errors.**

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